

City of Milpitas
Approved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
June 19, 2006

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commissioner Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Albert Alcorn N. Gupta, R. Shaw, D. Gupta, I Munir, W. Lam, S. Bansal, A. Ettinger

I.S. Staff: A. Rich, E. Pasion City Council: A. Gomez

Members Absent: P. Peterson, V. Mathur, S. Bilgrami

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

No announcements made for the record.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 8

**V. Approval of the Minutes
May 15, 2006**

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 8

VI. Citizen's Forum

No public comments were made for the record.

VII. Continued-New Business:

1. Comcast Report Update.

The commission was given a verbal presentation from Mr. Eddie Garcia with Comcast governmental affairs on the current activities in the cable and Internet industry.

Mr. Garcia reported that the Milpitas Comcast cable store is still closed due to on going reconstruction work in the Town Center shopping center. Comcast was given a preliminary reopen date of June or July. However, the opening date was only an estimate.

Chair Alcorn requested a status of Comcast's On-Demand video services to Milpitas cable subscribers. Mr. Garcia noted that the current technology in use in Milpitas does not support the On-Demand service. He added that the Milpitas cable system is scheduled for technology improvements that would support the On-Demand services; however, other bay area communities

are inline to also receive cable system upgrades and Milpitas will eventually added to the group.

Commissioner Shaw asked of the availability of expanded high-definition cable channels being offered in Milpitas citing inquiries from residents asking of the availability of various HD channels that are available in other communities. Mr. Garcia requested that he be emailed of the HD channels in question to better address the matter.

Commissioner Lam asked of Comcast's current Internet product and if the serviced speeds have slowed due to multiple users on the network. Mr. Garcia noted that Comcast continually monitors its Internet network speeds and it proactive in providing optimal Internet service to its customers. He also added that subscribers should be given correct information and he should be contacted if there is a discrepancy the services being offered.

Dinesh Gupta requested Comcast provide to the commission annual and semi-annual reports on the on going changes of its subscribers in order to give a better perspective. Commissioner Gupta noted it would give a understanding of Milpitas subscriber trends. Mr. Garcia added that providing an annual and semi-annual report would be provided as requested by the Commission.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 8

2. PEG Studio Update Report.

Commissioner Dinesh Gupta reported that the cable policy-working group, consisting of himself, Lam, Belgrami and Shaw, have being reviewing and documenting various policies for the future Milpitas cable studio. The group developed a policies and procedures document and public access copyrights document for future users of the community to adhere to when operating and using the cable studio. The group noted that policy documents would require additional review and input from the city attorney's office for compliance matters before introduction and review by the city council.

The group anticipates concluding the policy document creation and hopes to review the equipment being proposed for the studio. They requested staff to provide a copy of the equipment document when it becomes available.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / S. Bansal Ayes: 8

3. May 2006 I.S. Month Report.

Mr. Alan Rich, geographical information systems manager, reported on the activities for the department for the month of May. He noted that the department was actively testing a wireless water meter reading system for the newer housing developments in Milpitas. Milpitas water meter reader staff on its use and operability is testing the system.

Staff is currently assisting Earthlink with its deployment of wireless access nodes throughout the Milpitas community. Earthlink is surveying the Milpitas area for possible locations to place support equipment for the wireless network.

The department is also reviewing and testing the future permitting online document permitting operating system. Staff is also working on an on-line public access documentation system. The program would allow for access to numerous city documents via the city's website.

Chair Alcorn asked of the department's GIS program. Mr. Rich noted that he has a group of student volunteers assisting the city in maintaining and developing the city's GIS database throughout the summer. Chair Alcorn was interested in the process and was interested in volunteering time to learn more about the program.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 8

4. Round Table Discussion

No comments were made for the record.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

The Commission adjourned the meeting to Monday, July 17, 2006.

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